congenial atmosphere for speedy foreign investment; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) what are the particular areas in which such changes are contemplated; and

(c) what other steps are being taken for giving foreign capital its due place in country's development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The basic frame-work of our foreign investment policy is laid-down in various documents including the Industrial Policy Resolution. Although it is not an *open door policy, it has a substantial* degree of flexibility. It permits technical as well as financial collaborations over a wide range of Industrial activities. It is the intention of the Government to promote more direct foreign investment within the broad framework of this policy. Several measures have been taken to streamline the procedures and remove bottlenecks so as to facilitate the inflow of direct foreign investment within the broad frame-work of this policy.

Detection of new assessees

1684. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of new income-tax assessees during the ear1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(b) what was the number of assessees detected during the survey operation during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The Income-tax Department has added 6,55,563 new assessees on its records during the financial year 1986-87 and another 5,23,376 new assessees during the financial year 1987-88. The Income-tax Department carries out survey operations and also gathers material through its Central Information Branches for the purposes of, inter-alia, detecting new assessees. However, separate statistical data regarding the number of new assessees dectected only as a result of survey operations is not maintained by the Department. But it will be reasonable to attribute the additiopl of many of the new assessees to the survey operations carried out by the Department.

Concessional aid from world bank and IMF

1685. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and other developing cauntries have shown concern over the decline in concessional aid flows to the deloping countries at the meetings of the world Bank and IMF held on April 14 and 15 last in Wastington;

(b) what were the other points mentioned by India at the meeting; and

(c) what were the details of the points raised and to what extent the World Bank and IMF agreed to the points raised by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) At the Spring meetings of the World Bank and the IMF, India expressed concern over the trends in the flow of development assistance, and the adverse impact of these trends on the growth of developing countries. It was stressed that these disturbing trends need to be reversed if the problem of poverty is to be tackled on any systematic and sustained basis, and indicated that there is a need to consider innovative approaches, for financing projects which have a direct impact on poverty alleviation.

At the Development Committee, a Joint Ministerial Committee of the World Bank and IMF, Ministers reiterated their commitment to support the low income countries in their development and adjus-

ment efforts, and stressed the need for larger concessional flows. The Development Committee agreed to discuss, at the Annual IMF-World Bank meetings in September 1988, the adequacy of resource transfers to all developing countries, and requested a report on this issue to facilitate their deliberations.

Report of vigilance department of Delhi Police

1686. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance Department of Delhi Police has submitted a comprehensive report to the Police Commissioner about the illegal Satta gambling that has been going on for years in the walled city;

(b) whether the report has pointed out 'Kucha Chelan' area of the old city as a place where Satta was taking place generating a turn-over of nearly Rs. 10 lakhs per day; and

(c) if so, what are the other features of the report and what action has been initiated by Government to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) An enquiry was taken up by the Vigilance Branch of Delhi Police on a complaint that smack (brown sugar) was being sold by a known bad character alongwith his associates in the jurisdiction of Police Station Chandni Mahal. The enquiry revealed that these persons have not only been indulging in pedding of charas and brown sugar but also organised satta gambling. The bad character has been detained under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. Police patrolling has been intensified in the areas to keep a check.

Implementation of the provision of the Ordinance on religion and politics by State

1687. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have written to all the Chief Ministers of States and also to the Administrators of Union Territories seeking their atmost cooperation in implementing the provisions of the Ordinance promulgated recently in regard to the misuse of religious institutions for political purposes;

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made by the State in this regard and whether any detailed report has been sought from the States and Union Territories; and

(c) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has furnished the same and if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The copies of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Ordinance, 1988, promulgated on 26-5-1988, were forwarded to all the States/Union Territories for taking necessary action.

(b) and (c) No detailed implementation reports have been sought from the States/Union Territories. As such no report from the Madhya Pradesh Government has been received.

Fencing of Indo-pak border in Amritsar District

1688. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that barbed wire fencing along the Indo-Pak border in Amritsar district started in April last;

(b) if so, what is the total area that has been completely fenced and to what